GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRANS BORDER MENACE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Trans-border menace` appearing in the pioneer dated April 13, 2000;

(b) whether our borders in the North and North-East regions are not linked with proper roads as in the China consequently our borders are not easily accessible by our troops, forces etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is unabated illegal immigration across the border threatening our political, economic and social stability; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes , Sir.

(b)&(c): The Government are aware of the need for development of proper communication links with border areas. Special steps have been taken to develop the logistic infrastructure including road communications in the border areas in the North and North East.

(d): Yes, Sir. The infiltration can and does lead to various problems related to internal security and also creates several socio-ecconomic difficulties.

(e): Various measures have been taken to prevent infiltration. These include, inter alia, construction of border roads/border fencing, raising of additional battalions of the Border Security Force, reducing gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling on land as well as in riverine and coastal areas, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipment and night vision devices to the troops posted at the border and flood lightling in the sensitive stretches on the Indo-Pak border. A decision has also been taken to fence the entire length of Indo-Bangladesh border. Standing instructions have been issued to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport foreigners staying illegally. Several diplomatic initiatives have also been taken. The situation is monitored on a regular basis. The Government have recently taken a decision for adopting a multi-modal approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International border in Jammu sector to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/explosives etc.